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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Chairman, COMIREX
Director, NPIC
Chief, Information Requirements Staff/DDI
OS/ES/Special Security Center

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1. [] left this draft with us the afternoon of the 9th of February. He proposes to go to press with it sometime after the 19th. He would like to have our views. Note that he wants to say in the middle of the second page that Mr. Helms "has agreed to cooperate."

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2. I think we all agree that something like this is bound to come. [] thinks we can hold off pressures from various sources, including the Vice President (as Chairman of the Space Council) for perhaps six to twelve months but not much longer.

3. The approach seems generally reasonable to John Bross and me. It would provide a mechanism that would enable the intelligence community to monitor the potential demands on this source as they build up.

4. Some changes that would seem desirable in the memorandum would be:

a. Mr. Helms should appoint "his" representative, not an "agency" one, since the subject is obviously of community interest.

b. I question whether the committee should operate eventually as "an arm" of a USIB committee. Perhaps close liaison is a better formulation.

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c. Something certainly has to be said about costs. This draft would leave the addressees with the idea that it would all come free. (Actually, [] envisages an

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eventual point where a price tag might be put on the by-then obsolescent KH-4 system, as an alternative to a civilian satellite. Such a price tag--civilian or KH-4--would no doubt have a very dampening effect on enthusiasm.)

5. Comments of addressees would be appreciated, by February 16th if possible.

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